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COL. BATCHELLER'S HANDSOME DONATION SUPPLIES MUCH-FELT NEED

New Assembly Hall to Contain Large Auditorium and Lecture Rooms

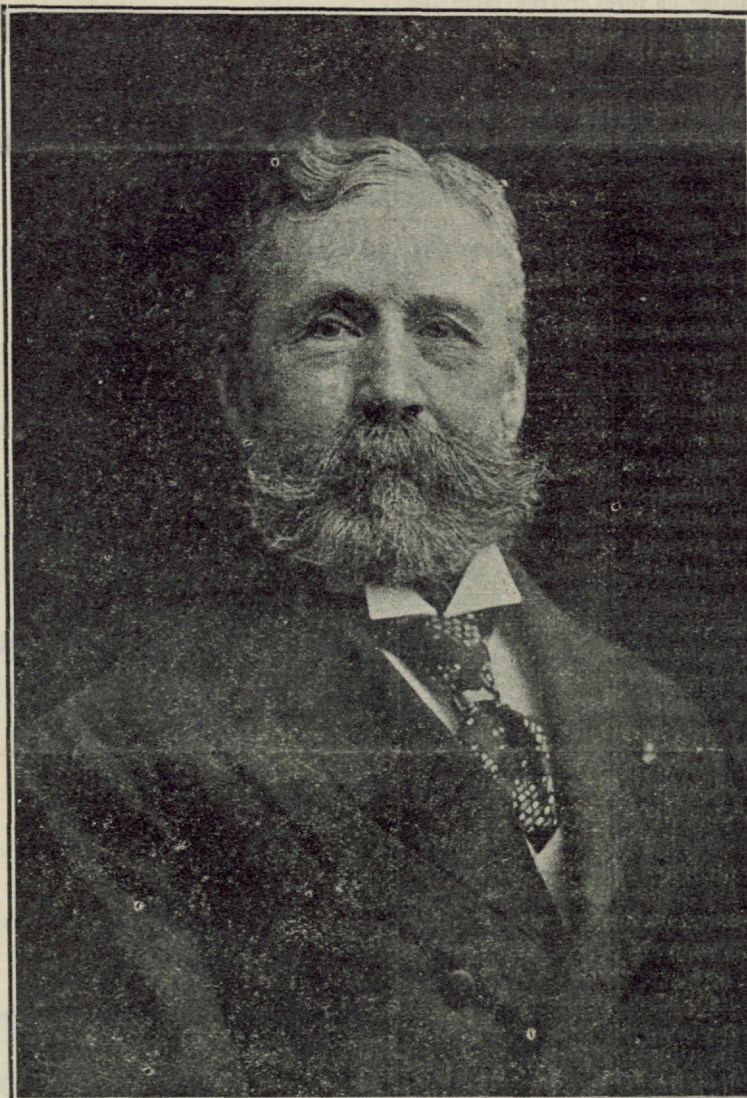
It gratifies us to be reassured by President Tyler that Dr. George Clinton Batcheller, of New York, has promised to erect an assembly hall on the college campus, and that plans will soon be made for the purpose by a New York architect. The wish of President Tyler is that the hall shall have accommodations for at least 400 persons. In addition he wishes four lecture rooms, which may be had by making the hall a two-story building and putting the auditorium on the second floor.

As students of the college, we cannot be too grateful for this noble purpose of Dr. Batcheller. There is no greater need of the institution than a suitable auditorium. The old chapel should no longer be used as a meeting place for all kinds of things—for society celebrations, football and baseball discussions, and other things of a secular character—but it should be preserved as a holy edifice and the floor over the bones of the distinguished dead lying sleeping in the vaults beneath should not be stamped by the feet of thoughtless spectators in giving noisy expression to their feelings. It should be a place of peace and never a place of tumult. It should be treated as a Westminster Abbey in miniature; for we ought not to forget that it is the burial place of Peyton Randolph, who had the unapproachable honor of being the first to preside over an American congress, and of Lord Botetourt, the best beloved of Virginia's royal governors. Moreover, on many occasions it cannot accommodate the crowd and a larger building is undoubtedly necessary.

Next to an auditorium, the most pressing need of the college is further accommodations for lectures. The department of Chemistry especially is very much hampered for want of room. The intended building we understand is expected to provide for these wants, and we join heartily in thanks to Dr. Batcheller, who proposes to come to the rescue.

Indeed, everything about the new building arouses our enthusiasm. It is a place where the Bachelors of the college will take their degrees, and the name Batcheller Hall sounds

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*Sincerely & Cordially Yours,
Geo. Clinton Batcheller.*

William and Mary students, generally speaking, know Col. George Clinton Batcheller, LL. D., as the philanthropic friend of the old college. But a great deal more can be said of him. He is not only a man of erudition, but as president of the large manufacturing establishment which bears his name, he has won international reputation as being one of the best business men in America.

In addition to being connected with a number of philanthropic and benevolent societies Col. Batcheller is a director of the International Peace Forum, and an honorary vice-president of the same.

In recognition of his splendid achievements in the field of learning William and Mary a few years since, conferred upon him the honorary degree LL. D. Of history, especially, he has been a very close student, and is now regarded as an authority on early colonial affairs.

A few years ago Col. Batcheller became interested in the work William and Mary is doing, and donated the handsome sum of \$10,000 to aid in the erection of a new library building. His latest gift to the old college is \$25,000 for a new assembly hall.

BASKETBALL TEAM WINS HANDSOME VICTORY IN FIRST GAME

Richmond College Defeated by the Score of 34-15. Capt. Metcalf and Hubbard Stars

The William and Mary Basketball team ushered in the season auspiciously by administering a stinging defeat to their old rivals, Richmond College, by a score of 34-15. At no time during the contest were the Spiders dangerous, for their defensive work was not of first-class order and it was apparent from the start that the visitors would be out-classed. The local quint gave evidence of systematic training in their well executed team work which resulted in getting several baskets. On the other hand, the Spiders had little or no team work and failed to cover up as they should, which permitted Capt. Metcalf and Hubbard to show flashes of individual playing.

But for the fact that Coach Young tried out two substitutes, the score would probably have been larger. However, the men sent in by the coach made a very creditable showing, considering the fact that they had had but little experience.

For Richmond, although there were no particular stars, Duffey and Duval played the best game, while for William and Mary Capt. Metcalf and Hubbard starred.

W. & M.	Line-up	R. C.
Metcalf.....	r. f.....	Duval
Zehmer.....	l. f.....	Leubbert
(Wright)		
Capt. Metcalf.....	c.....	Duffey
Hubbard.....	r. g.....	Brock
Turner.....	l. g.....	Wiley
(Stone)		

Baskets: Capt. Metcalf (7), Hubbard (4), Metcalf (4) for W. and M.; Duffey (2), Leubbert (1) and Wiley (2) for R. C. Fouls: Capt. Metcalf (4), Wiley (1). Referee, Goodwin, W. and M. Umpire, Tillrey, R. C. Timers, Blitzer and McCarthy.

MONOGRAMS AWARDED

On Monday morning Dr. James S. Wilson awarded football monograms to the following men: Tilley, Hubbard, "Jack" Wright, E. Wright, Horne, Somers, Ferguson, Sheltor, Jennings, Blitzer, Deel, Wayne Metcalf, Will Metcalf and Manager James. In presenting the monograms Dr. Wilson made a few remarks, saying among other things that he was proud of the team because of the fact that not one thing could be said against their conduct on the gridiron.

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CONCERNING STUDENT DECORUM

The college man owes it to himself to see that his behavior is at all times characteristic of a gentleman. He may rest assured that outsiders are ever ready to heap opprobrium upon him for the slightest deviation from the established rules of decorum.

Of course, concerning propriety there is almost always a diversity of opinion. What one student considers fitting and proper another condemns. For example, some students claim that, under certain conditions, profanity and a "decent" drunk are not at all improper. But personally we are very glad that society places a ban upon each. There is absolutely nothing in either which is conducive to right living and moral uplift.

But we have in mind a misdemeanor which a few William and Mary students are guilty of, and about which there is no difference of opinion as regards its impropriety. Even those who perpetrate the rudeness readily admit that they should not do so. We refer to the unnecessary, puerile, hateful demonstrations which some students are wont to make on public occasions when ladies are entering the room. It has been our experience several times to witness young ladies entering the chapel amid the noisy stamping of feet and hissing sounds. That such conduct places them in an extremely embarrassing position none will deny.

Now, it is but natural for visitors to criticise and censure this form of

incivility. And they should. Unfortunately, however, for those who are not guilty, the blame is placed upon all students alike. So, fellow-students—those of you who have been so thoughtless as to participate in this boisterousness—why not see to it that this odious practice is abolished? You are guardians of the honor of the old college. Let her name be forever free from the imputations of misconduct on the part of her student-body.

With this issue of The Flat Hat we complete the number which we had planned to publish before the Christmas holidays, and accordingly we suspend further publication until the beginning of the new year. To our readers we say adieu for a short time, and extend to all our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

THANKSGIVING GERMAN

The college gymnasium was the scene Friday evening of the second dance given by the William and Mary German Club this session. Ideal weather prevailed for the occasion while Schmidt's Orchestra captivated anew the dancers with its beautiful repertoire. An unusually large number of visitors were present, adding to the delightfulness of the evening. The card was announced by the president, Mr. Earnest L. Wright, Col. and Mrs. Jas. T. Christian leading.

Those dancing were: Col. and Mrs. Christian, Lieutenant and Mrs. Miles, Dr. and Mrs. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Groat, Miss Nora Macon with Mr. Van Horne, Miss Elizabeth Macon with Mr. Tilley, Miss Beulah Brooks with Dr. Hall, Miss Sue Hundley with Mr. Welles, Miss Emily Hall with Mr. Griggs, Miss Martha Spencer with Mr. Ferguson, Miss Mary Branch Spencer with Mr. Bowles, Miss Mary Carrington Galt with Mr. Cox, Miss Ellen Barnes with Mr. Koontz, Miss Katherine Geddy, with Mr. Goodwin, Miss Nannie Spencer with Mr. James, Miss Garnett Sweeney with Mr. Hall, Miss Eliza Harrison with Mr. Dunn, Miss Julia Harrison with Mr. Campbell, Miss Mary Henley Spencer with Mr. Wright, Miss Sadie Harrison with Mr. Palmer, Miss Florrie Batten with Mr. Jones, Miss Hamilton with Mr. Peachy, Miss Mahone with Mr. Cooper, Miss Thelma Brown with Mr. Williams, Miss Elbert Moncure with Mr. Hubbard, Miss Crawford with Mr. Watts, Miss Laura Spencer with Mr. Tucker, Miss Virginia Peachy with Mr. Hutcheson, Miss Virginia Beech with Mr. Parker, Miss Florence Sweeney with Mr. Lewis, Miss Alyffe Watson with Mr. Spencer, Miss Mary Ware Galt with Mr. Geo. B. Geddy, Miss Morecock with Mr. Turner, Miss Koontz with Mr. Barnes.

Stags: Messrs. Harris, Hankins, Branch, Meanley, Cowlee, Thomas, Blackwell, Clements.

Chaperones: Mesdames Phillips, Barnes, Henley, Moncure, Brown, Bridge.

DR. MATTHEWS MAKES 'SPLENDID ADDRESS

Before an appreciative audience that completely filled the large Y. M. C. A. hall, Dr. W. P. Matthews, of Richmond, made, on last Tuesday evening, one of the most entertaining and thoughtful addresses ever heard here. His subject was "The Medical Profession," and he handled it so as to produce a profound impression on all present.

In the course of his remarks Dr. Matthews said that every one should choose a profession early in life, and take for his ideal the Christ life. He also pointed out that one should be well trained to enter the medical profession, and that it would be but a few years until only graduate students could enter any medical

school. Continuing the speaker showed that the medical profession offers the greatest opportunities for real service; for, said he, besides administering to bodily ailments, the doctor, if he has God's spirit dwelling within him, can be a bearer of spiritual sunshine and otherwise become a power for the moral uplift of his community. Finally he said the doctor should be courageous in the performance of duty.

The next lecture will be delivered by Mr. S. A. Ackley on Y. M. C. A. work.

TRIANGULAR DEBATE ARRANGED

Recently, the committee on arrangement for inter-collegiate debate, composed of Messrs. W. M. Grimsley, J. L. Tucker and Dr. Wilson, of the faculty, met in Richmond and arranged with similar committees from Randolph-Macon and Richmond Colleges for a triangular debate to be held with the above-named institutions during the latter part of February.

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PHI BETA KAPPA CELEBRATES

Never in its history did the Phi Beta Kappa Society of the College of William and Mary hold a more successful and thoroughly enjoyable meeting than it did on last Thursday evening when it celebrated the 136th anniversary of its birth. In addition to the large number of initiates, there were also many out-of-town members present to hear the rendition of an excellent programme, and to attend the beautiful reception tendered by local members.

Hon. Robert M. Hughes, president of the society, presided over the meeting and introduced the speakers. A very pleasing feature of the exercises was some humorous remarks and the reading of some original verse by Dr. Benjamin F. Sledd, of Wake Forest, N. C. The chief speaker of the evening was Dr. James Power Smith, of Richmond, whose subject was "Some Disputed Points in the Life of Stonewall Jackson." Dr. Smith, having served as an aide to General Jackson, is in a position to know the facts of the great leader's life as no other living man does, and in a convincing way he showed that the imputations of certain weaknesses in his character were wholly untenable. The address was decidedly one of the best ever delivered before the society.

Immediately after the adjournment of the meeting the following were initiated: Dr. James Y. Fair, of Richmond; Dr. Wycliffe Rose, of Washington, D. C.; Mr. Wadley Thompson, of Atlanta; Dr. Benjamin F. Sledd, of Wake Forest; Mr. Clayton Torrence, of Richmond; Prof. J. R. L. Johnson, of Norton, Va.; Prof. Geo. E. Bennett, of Richmond; Prof. Smith J. Williams, of Charleston, S. C.; Prof. W. R. Wigglesworth, of Blackstone, Va.; Mr. E. F. Birkhead, of Fredericksburg, Va.; and Prof. E. F. Shewmake, of Staunton, Va.

ANNUAL STAFF ELECTED

At a meeting of the different class representatives held last Tuesday evening the following men were named for the 1912-13 Colonial Echo staff: P. L. Witchley, editor-in-chief; A. W. James, assistant editor; J. L. Tucker, business manager; M. Blitzer and W. O. Frey, assistant managers; S. H. Hubbard and J. H. Wright, literary editors; D. M. Griggs, clubs; C. H. Schepmoes, academy editor; H. R. Hamilton and L. F. Games, jokes and grinds; H. A. Turner, social editor; H. L. Womack, Y. M. C. A.; and E. L. Wright, athletics.

On the Friday following, the above nominations were ratified by the student-body, thereby completing the election of the staff with the exception of an art editor who will be selected later.

The men chosen are well qualified for the positions which they hold, and will no doubt produce a very creditable book.

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good and appropriate. Then it will preserve for all time the memory of a man who has shown his faith by his deeds and who rests his reward upon the good that he does. Honor to Dr. Batcheller! His heart is as broad as his country, and his name will be gratefully remembered by all who love William and Mary.

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IN AND OUT OF COLLEGE TOPICS

Dr. Lyon G. Tyler has returned
after a two weeks' absence from
college.

Mr. Charles H. Smith, who is
teaching at Bena, Va., visited his
alma mater last week.

Mr. Carl W. Holler gave a very
delightful reception to the members
of the Northern Lights club Friday
evening.

Among the old William and Mary
men who were initiated into the
Phi Beta Kappa Thursday evening
were: Messrs. Geo. E. Bennett, J.
R. L. Johnson, Smith J. Williams,
W. R. Wrigglesworth, E. F. Birk-
head and E. F. Shewmake.

Quite a number of students spent
Friday at Hampton Institute in-
specting the work done by that in-
stitution. The party was in charge of
Prof. G. O. Ferguson and Mr. Jack-
son Davis.

For some unknown reason the leap-
year german, which was to have
been given on Thursday night by the
young ladies of the town, was can-
celed.

Mr. J. H. Blitzer, a traveling
salesman of New York, spent the
past week-end here, the guest of
his brother, Max Blitzer.

"Sel" Harris, of Blackstone, Va.,
was among the old students who at-
tended the Thanksgiving german.

Miss Florrie Batten, who attended
the Vaden-Spencer nuptials, re-
mained over for the Friday night
dance.

Dr. W. P. Matthews, who address-
ed the Y. M. C. A. last Tuesday,
was the guest of Prof. and Mrs. H.
E. Bennett while in town.

Mr. A. B. Land has returned to
college, after spending a week at
home on account of sickness.

Mr. Phoenix, of the Hampton In-
stitute, made a very interesting
talk in the chapel last Friday, on
the work which is being done by
that school. Mr. Phoenix is vice-
president of the institution.

Mr. J. H. Russell, of Johns Hop-
kins, is spending a few days here,
doing research work in the library.
Mr. Russell is a candidate for his
Doctor's degree this year, and is
now engaged in gathering material
for his thesis.

A communication from Mr. H. L.
Harris, who was forced to leave
college on account of ill health,
states that he has fully recovered,
and is now engaged in teaching at
Virginia City. Mr. Harris will re-
turn to college for the spring term.

SOPHOMORE CLASS ELECTS OFFICERS

The Sophomore class has elected
the following officers for the year:
President, C. C. Renick; vice-presi-
dent, C. Jennings; secretary, A. C.
Cooper; treasurer, W. E. Somers;
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